

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q86524

Yasuo OHSAWA, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/526,068

Group Art Unit: 1791

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Examiner: Steven D. Maki

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For: PNEUMATIC TIRE AND TIRE-WHEEL ASSEMBLY

DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.132

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

I, Takanari Saguchi, hereby declare and state:

THAT I am a citizen of Japan;

THAT I have received the degree of master of engineering in 1989 from Hiroshima;

THAT I have been employed by Bridgestone Corporation since 1989; where I hold a position as Researcher, with responsibility for Research Department 2 Central Research;

THAT I am one of the inventors of the subject matter disclosed in the above-referenced patent application;

THAT I have reviewed the Office Action mailed on January 8, 2010, and I understand the Examiner to be taking the position that the phrase "pneumatic tire which designates directions to an inner and outer side of a vehicle in a state where the tire is mounted on the

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vehicle” is unclear whether the “designates directions” language relates to intended use or to additional structure. I disagree for the reasons explained in the following paragraph;

I hereby attest that that one of ordinary skill in the art of tire construction would recognize that the language “designates directions to an inner and an outer side of a vehicle” in the claims is directed toward an asymmetrical pneumatic tire. An asymmetrical pneumatic tire is designed and adapted to be mounted on a vehicle in only one direction. Thus, to one of ordinary skill in the art, the language “designates directions to an inner and an outer side of a vehicle” indicates that the pneumatic tire has a structure that requires which side of the tire can only be mounted to face either the inner or outer side of the vehicle. Therefore, the claims are not unclear to one of ordinary skill in the art.

I declare further that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Date: 2010/3/29

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